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Applicant

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Title

: MOVABLE COVER FOR RIGIDIFYING AND/OR PROTECTING THE FRONT FACE OF AN ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR, SUCH AS A SNOWBOARD BOOT

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §41.31, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of March 27, 2006, in which the Primary Examiner finally rejected claims 14-23, 25-44, and 47-64.

Payment is being made herewith for the appeal fee of \$500.00, in accordance with 37 CFR §41.20(b)(1).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Respectfully submitted,

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